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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64277

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Appln. No.: 09/870,654

Group Art Unit: 2861

Confirmation No.: 9154

Examiner: Kristal J. FEGGINS

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: THERMAL TRANSFER MATERIAL, AND PRINTING METHOD AND PRINTER
USED WITH THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as described below. An enclosed Appendix includes a version with markings to show changes made. This Amendment is believed to be fully responsive to each point of the rejection raised in the Office Action. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

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31. (New) A printer useable with thermal transfer material, wherein said thermal transfer material comprises a support, a release layer overlaid on said support, and first, second and third thermosensitive coloring transfer layers having thermoplasticity, overlaid on said